

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-5. (Canceled).

6. (Previously presented) A surgical thread for cosmetic operations made of a metallic, polymeric, or biological material, comprising inclined notched protrusions successively arranged along the length of the thread, wherein the notched protrusions are provided in a form of needles with sockets for fixation thereof on the thread with alternating directions of the inclination of the needles.

7. (Canceled).

8. (New) A surgical thread for cosmetic operations, according to claim 6, wherein the elevation of the ends of the protrusions above the thread amounts to not less than the diameter of the thread, and wherein the interval between the protrusions along the length of the thread is less than two diameters of the thread.

9. (New) A surgical thread for cosmetic operations, according to claim 6, wherein the protrusions are provided on opposing sides of the thread and with opposing direction of protrusion inclination.

10. (New) A surgical thread for cosmetic operations, according to claim 6, wherein the protrusions are provided on opposing sides of the thread and with alternating direction of protrusion inclination.

11. (New) A surgical thread for cosmetic operations, according to claim 6, wherein the protrusions are positioned in a staggered order along the thread.

12. (New) A surgical thread for cosmetic operations, according to claim 6, wherein the thread is of sufficient length to extend from a temporal portion of a face to a nasolabial fold of the face so as to lift a flabby droopy region of soft tissues of the face when inserted.